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INTERACTIVE BILLING SYSTEM UTILIZING A THIN WEB

CLIENT INTERFACE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 2, 2000 with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire November 2, 2000, please amend the above identified application as set forth below. A Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) to extend the period of response to February 2, 2001 is attached hereto, along with a Continued Prosecution Application.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

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Please cancel/claims 16, 23-26, 28-29, 31, 36, and 39-44.

Kindly amend claims 1-5, 14, 15, 18, 23, 27, 30, 33-35, and 39 as follows: